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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN BICENTENNIAL FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL:

ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION

REF: BUCHAREST 4187

1. PROPOSAL IN RINZLER LETTER TO BOGDAN WAS: A) THAT GOR PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION WITHIN ROMANIA FOR SMITHSONIAN FIELD RESEARCHERS; B) THAT GOR PROVIDE ROUND-TRIP TRANSPORTATION TO DC FOR ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS; C) THAT SMITHSONIAN ASSUME ALL COSTS WITHIN US.

2. BECAUSE OF AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN PERFORMING ARTS UNIONS, NATURE OF SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, AND COMPLEXITIES OF H-1 VISA, FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN FOLKLIFE POLICY IS THAT GROUPS TOUR UP TO THREE WEEKS AND THAT TOUR IS NON-COMMERCIAL. FUNDS CANNOT BE EARNED ON TOUR TO DEFRAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SINCE THAT WOULD REQUIRE ARRANGEMENTS BY PRIVATE IMPRESARIO. IN VIEW OF THESE COMPLICATIONS, SMITHSONIAN HAS NOT ARRANGED SPLIT TOUR WITH NON-COMMERCIAL AND COMMERCIAL SEGMENTS.

3. SMITHSONIAN MOST ANXIOUS TO ACCOMMODATE GOR AND DR.

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POP'S NEEDS AND WILL RE-EXAMINE POLICY. PAST EFFORTS AT

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN UNFRUITFUL.
LETTER TO POP WITH COPY TO EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW WITH
RESULTS OF RE-EXAMINATION. KISSINGER

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